

General Thomas Dresser White

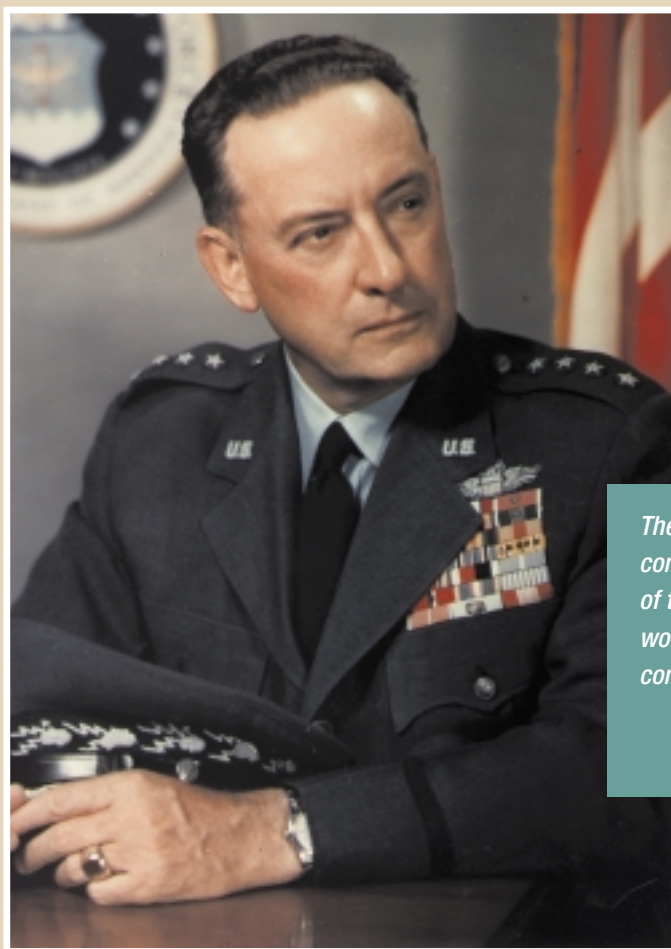
(1902–1965)

Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force

VITA

Born in Walker, Minnesota; graduated from U.S. Military Academy (1920); completed infantry school (1921); served with 14th Infantry (1921–24); attended primary and advanced flying school (1924–25); 99th Observation Squadron (1925–27); studied Chinese language in Peking (1927–31); served at Headquarters, Air Corps (1931–34); appointed assistant military attaché to Russia (1934) and Italy (1935); completed Air Corps tactical school (1938) and command and general staff school prior to being assigned to Office of the Chief of Air Corps; appointed military attaché and chief of U.S. military air mission to Brazil (1940); served as assistant chief of staff for

operations and chief of staff, Third Air Force (1942–44); named assistant chief of air staff for intelligence and deputy commander, Thirteenth Air Force (1944); commander, Seventh Air Force (1945–46); chief of staff, Pacific Air Command (1946–47); commander, Fifth Air Force (1947–48); director of legislation and liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force (1948–50); Joint Strategic Survey Committee, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1950–51); director of plans and deputy chief of staff for operations, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force (1951); named Vice Chief of Staff (1953) and Chief of Staff (1957); died in Washington, D.C.



The United States must win and maintain the capability to control space in order to assure the progress and pre-eminence of the free nations. If liberty and freedom are to remain in the world, the United States and its allies must be in position to control space.

— General White quoted in *The Aerospace Force: Defending America in the 21st Century*.

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